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Sir

In response to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed September 27, 2006, and the Final Rejection mailed February 17, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

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